I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in Re Patent Application of: Kazuhito HATOH, et al.

Conf. No.: 8925 Group Art Unit:

1746

Appln. No.:

09/719,526

Examiner:

Jonathan Crepeau

Filing Date:

December 13, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 10059-368US(P20815-01)

Title:

POLYMER ELECTROLYTE FUEL CELL

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(A))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to and including April 20, 2005. A timely Notice of Appeal was filed on December 16, 2004 (received by the Patent Office on December 20, 2004), so that the original due date for filing an Appeal Brief was February 20, 2005. An RCE Request and Amendment accompany this Petition in lieu of an Appeal Brief.

[X] A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 210059.0368) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.

[] Extension fee in the amount of \$_ .00

[X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

Respectfully submitted,

KAZUHITO HATOH, et al.

04/25/2005 AWONDAF1 00000064 09719526

02 FC:1252

450.00 OP

WILLIAM W. SCHWARZÉ

Registration No. 25,918

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013 Telephone: 215-965-1200

Direct Dial: 215-965-1270 Facsimile: 215-965-1210

E-Mail: wschwarze@akingump.com

WWS:rc